

Present Commissioners: Peter Bunder, Diane Damico, Allen Jacobsen, Tom Voight (not a quorum.)

Also Dave Downey, Parr Durr, Dave Henderson , Rick Parson, members of the public (particularly during the APC presentation) and rep from the Purdue Exponent.

John Thomas from the Area Plan Commission gave a report on the APC's transportation plan for the next thirty years. See:

<http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/egov/docs/1327699872928.htm>

Coverage of the talk here:

http://www.purdueexponent.org/city/article_7079d7e4-d402-5e1f-b648-2ebdf7f1308e.html

Rick Parsons, Natural Resources / Solid Waste Specialist from Tippecanoe S.W.C.D. is working on updating and distributing new recycling brochures for the region. Best Way is now operating the recycling center on N 9th Street. Hours are MWF 7-4, TTh 7-6, Sat. 7-1

Members of the Commission volunteered to begin accumulating data for the Sustainability Indicators Report. See the attachment for a list of researchers and possible topics. Also added an "Energy Use" indicator. The metrics for it need to be decided yet.

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List of Indicators to monitor---Draft

PARR DURR

1. # of bird species, bird count (Barney Dunning, Purdue?)
2. Toxic Pesticides, chemical use of city departments (ind dept)
3. Wet land, prairie restoration (Dave Buck)
4. # of city trees (Bev Shaw and Parks dept City)

LINDSY PAYNE

Water and river quality

5. # of CSOs (utility dir)
6. Unwanted medicine drop offs in pounds (police dept)
7. Water consumption per household (water company)
8. Rain garden use (Urban share grant, WREC)
9. Other statistics re health of the river (WREC)
10. Nontraditional water retention planning - construction sites (Dave Buck)

HEATHER GALL

Air quality

11. EPA air quality index (Earth and Atmospheric Science dept, Purdue)
12. Asthma and allergy rates (Tipp County health Dept?)
13. Clean fleet rates- WL- owned vehicles, (Clerk's office?) and City Bus

TOM VOIGHT

Waste

14. Recycling rates- WL residential (Streets/ sanitation)
15. Recycling amounts from drop off site – oil, glass, etc (Streets/ Sanitation)
16. Yard waste pickup rates (Streets/ Sani)
17. Short term events held within the city (e-waste, goodwill, metal pickups, shredding, compost programs, school lunch program)
18. Other nonfood diversion (?)

ALLEN JACOBSEN

Transit

19. Ridership #s (City Bus, city routes)
20. Miles of trails (Parks and Rec)
- 21 Miles of bike lanes (John Thomas- what metrics will the APC use?)
22. # of bike racks (Development Dept)
23. Walk score – ratio of total sidewalks to roads? (Safe routes to school master plan? Dave Buck)

DIANE DAMICO

Smart Development

24. Population Density (APC)
25. % of parks, athletic fields, open space, recreational facilities

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Food and Agriculture

25. \$ sales at Farmers' market or number of bags given away
26. # of, area covered by community gardens
27. U-picks, CSAs
28. Amount of agricultural lands (or distance to?)

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Public and Staff education

29. How does the public/ staff get information? EXAMPLES?

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City Policies and Planning

30. Long term planning (storm water and trash plan)
31. West Lafayette- Clear-Blue-Green certified? Other designations?
32. Purchasing policies
33. Other environmental policies (no idling?)

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Energy consumption- city services and community?